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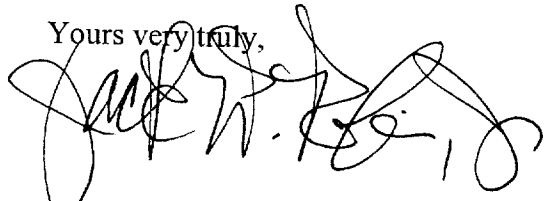
Mr. David Waddell
Executive Secretary
Tennessee Regulatory Authority
460 James Robertson Parkway
Nashville, Tennessee 37201

In Re: *Joint Petition of Crockett Telephone, Inc., People's Telephone Company,
West Tennessee Telephone Company, Inc. and the Consumer Advocate
Division of the Office of the Attorney General for the Approval and
Implementation of Earnings Review Settlement*
Docket No. 99-00995

Dear Mr. Waddell:

Enclosed for filing in connection with the above-referenced docket are the original and thirteen copies of the Comments of AT&T. Copies are being served on counsel for parties of record.

Yours very truly,



Jack W. Robinson, Jr.

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Enclosures

cc: T.G. Pappas and R. Dale Grimes
Timothy C. Phillips
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**BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE**

IN RE:

**JOINT PETITION OF CROCKETT TELEPHONE
COMPANY, INC., PEOPLES TELEPHONE COMPANY,
WEST TENNESSEE TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC.,
AND THE CONSUMER ADVOCATE DIVISION OF
THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
FOR THE APPROVAL AND IMPLEMENTATION
OF EARNINGS REVIEW SETTLEMENT**

**DOCKET NO.
99-00995**

COMMENTS OF AT&T

AT&T Communications of the South Central States, Inc. (AT&T), pursuant to the Order of the Pre-Hearing officer dated August 24, 2001 submits the following comments concerning the need for a live hearing in the above-captioned matter.

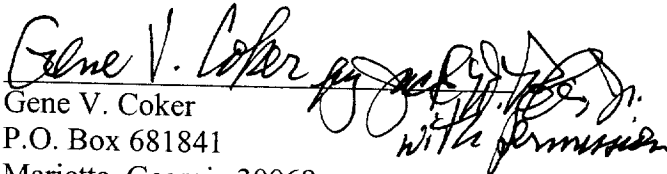
On September 6, 2001 AT&T filed a Petition for Reconsideration requesting the Pre-Hearing Officer to require Crockett Telephone Company, Inc., Peoples Telephone Company and West Tennessee Telephone Company, Inc. (collectively "the TEC Companies") to respond to discovery requests previously filed by AT&T on March 23, 2000 and to require the TEC Companies to file their responses before the date established for the filing of direct testimony. The Pre-Hearing Officer has not yet ruled on AT&T's Petition for Reconsideration, nor have the TEC Companies responded to discovery requests. Without complete and responsive answers to its discovery requests, AT&T is unable to comment on the need for a live hearing at this time. AT&T believes the Pre-Hearing Officer should enter an order requiring the TEC Companies to respond to the discovery requests and allow the parties additional time, if necessary, to file supplemental testimony based on the responses to discovery. Until the TEC Companies respond to

discovery and the parties have an opportunity to analyze the responses and file supplemental testimony, the record will be incomplete and it will be premature to determine the need for a live hearing.

Respectfully submitted this 18th day of September 2001.



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Jack W. Robinson, Jr., hereby certify that I have on this 18th day of September 2001 served via Hand-Delivery or first class mail, a copy of the foregoing Comments of AT&T on T.G. Pappas and R. Dale Grimes, Esq. Bass, Berry & Sims, 2700 First American Center, 313 Deaderick Street, Nashville, TN 37238-2700 and a copy to Timothy C. Phillips, Esq., Consumer Advocate Division, 425 5th Avenue, North, Nashville, TN 37243.



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